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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Regarding Fees and Rebates Relating to Executed Qualified Contingent Cross Orders

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that, on November 15, 2011, NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "NYSE Arca") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule ("Fee Schedule") to more clearly describe the fees and rebates relating to executed Qualified Contingent Cross ("QCC") orders. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and www.nyse.com.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the Fee Schedule to more clearly describe the fees and rebates relating to executed QCC orders. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to memorialize the intent set forth in its rule filing adopting the fee for executed QCC orders, which states that the fees relating to executed QCC orders "will apply to each side of the transaction." As such, the Exchange intends to amend the Fee Schedule to reflect that the fee of \$.10 for executed QCC orders is charged per contract side. To parallel this language, the Exchange also proposes to amend the Fee Schedule to reflect a rebate to the Floor Broker of \$.05 per contract side instead of \$.10 per contract for executed QCC orders. There is no change to the amount rebated to the Floor Broker for executed QCC orders. As stated in the rule filing implementing the Floor Broker rebate, 4 the QCC rebate is credited to the executing Floor Broker, who handles both contract sides with respect to such orders. Thus, the Floor Broker receives a total rebate of \$.10 for both contract sides together. The proposed change to the text of the Fee Schedule will take effect on November 15, 2011.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 64596 (June 3, 2011), 76 FR 33797 (June 9, 2011) (SR-NYSEArca-2011-36).

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 65730 (November 10, 2011) (SR-NYSEArca-2011-79).

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),⁵ in general, and Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁶ in particular, because it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities. Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposed change is equitable, because it will reduce confusion for all market participants relating to the way fees are charged and rebated for executed QCC orders. The Fee Schedule will state that the fee of \$.10 for executed QCC orders applies per contract side, as stated in the rule filing adopting the fee for QCC orders.⁷ In addition, the Fee Schedule will state that the rebate credited to the executing Floor Broker on a QCC order is \$.05 per contract side, for a total of \$.10 for both contract sides handled by the Floor Broker.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section $19(b)(3)(A)^8$ of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4⁹ thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

See note 3, supra.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NYSEArca-2011-83 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2011-83. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet website (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the

principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2011-83 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 10

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¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).